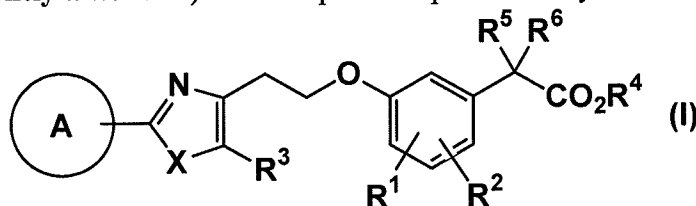


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

**1. (currently amended):** A compound represented by formula (I)



wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> each independently represents a hydrogen atom, C1-8 alkyl, a halogen atom, C1-4 alkoxy, nitro, trihalomethyl, trihalomethoxy, trihalomethylthio, cyano, C1-4 alkylthio or NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup>, in which R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> each independently represents a hydrogen atom or C1-4 alkyl;

R<sup>3</sup> represents C1-8 alkyl which may be substituted with a 1-3 halogen atom(s) or phenyl;

R<sup>4</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or C1-8 alkyl;

R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> each independently represents a hydrogen atom or C1-4 alkyl, or R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> may be together with their neighboring carbon atom to form a carbocyclic ring;

X represents a sulfur atom, an oxygen atom or a nitrogen atom which may have a substituent(s);

ringA represents 4-(trifluoromethyl)piperidin-1-yl, ~~2,2-difluoro-1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl~~  
or 3,4-dihydro-1H-isoquinolin-2-yl,  
or a salt thereof.

**2. (canceled).**

**3. (canceled).**

**4. (currently amended):** The compound according to claim 1, wherein the compound is

(1) [3-(2-{5-methyl-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)piperidin-1-yl]-1,3-thiazol-4-yl}ethoxy)phenyl]acetic acid,

(2) [3-(2-{5-ethyl-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)piperidin-1-yl]-1,3-thiazol-4-yl}ethoxy)-4-methylphenyl]acetic acid,

~~(3) [3-(2-{2-[2-(2,2-difluoro-1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-5-isopropyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl]ethoxy}-4-methylphenyl)acetic acid,~~

~~(4) [3-(2-{2-[2-(2,2-difluoro-1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-5-methyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl]ethoxy}-4-methylphenyl)acetic acid,~~

~~(5)~~(3) [2-fluoro-3-(2-{5-methyl-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)piperidin-1-yl]-1,3-thiazol-4-yl}ethoxy)phenyl]acetic acid, or

~~(6)~~(4) (3-{2-[2-(3,4-dihydro-1H-isoquinolin-2-yl)-5-methyl-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]ethoxy}-4-methylphenyl)acetic acid.

**5. (previously presented):** A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound represented by formula (I) according to claim 1, or a salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

**6. (previously presented):** The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 5, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is a therapeutic agent for hyperlipidemia or adiposity.

**7-8. (canceled).**

**9. (previously presented):** A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound represented by formula (I) according to claim 1, or a salt thereof and one or more components selected from the group consisting of a MTP inhibitor, a HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor, a squalene synthase inhibitor, a fibrate drug, an ACAT inhibitor, a 5-lipoxygenase inhibitor, a cholesterol absorption inhibitor, a bile acid absorption inhibitor, a Na<sup>+</sup>/bile acid transporter inhibitor, LDL receptor activator, LDL receptor expression enhancer, a pancreatic lipase inhibitor, a probucol formulation, a nicotine acid formulation and a cholesterol ester transporter protein inhibitor.

**10. (previously presented):** A method for treatment of hyperlipidemia or adiposity in a mammal, which comprises administering to a mammal an effective amount of a compound selected from the group consisting of

- (1) (3-{2-[2-(3,4-dihydro-1H-isoquinolin-2-yl)-5-methyl-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]ethoxy}-4-methylphenyl)acetic acid,
- (2) [2-fluoro-3-(2-{5-methyl-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)piperidin-1-yl]-1,3-thiazol-4-yl}ethoxy)phenyl]acetic acid, and
- (3) (3-{2-[2-(2,2-difluoro-1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-5-isopropyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl]ethoxy}-4-methylphenyl)acetic acid

or a salt thereof.

**11. (Canceled)**

**12. (previously presented):** A compound selected from a group consisting of

(1) (3-{2-[2-(3,4-dihydro-1H-isoquinolin-2-yl)-5-methyl-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]ethoxy}-4-

methylphenyl)acetic acid and

(2) [2-fluoro-3-(2-{5-methyl-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)piperidin-1-yl]-1,3-thiazol-4-

yl}ethoxy)phenyl]acetic acid.

**13. (previously presented):** A compound of (3-{2-[2-(2,2-difluoro-1,3-

benzodioxol-5-yl)-5-isopropyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl]ethoxy}-4-methylphenyl)acetic acid.